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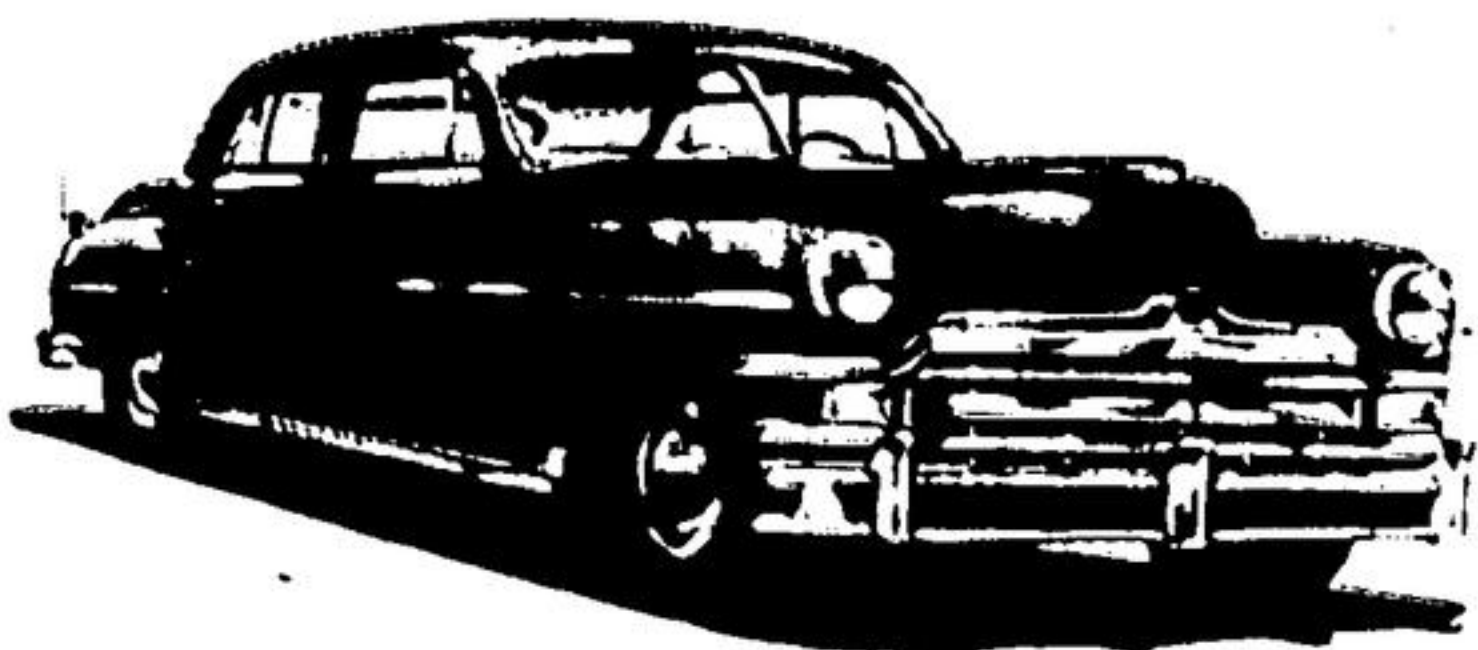
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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

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## Chronicles of .. Ginger Farm

Written Specially for  
The Acton Free Press  
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Last call for Christmas... just one more chance for me to say again "Happy Christmas, everybody!" And that's about all there is to say anyway at this stage of the game.

Of course there is plenty to talk about. I could write about the sudden drop in egg prices, or the gloom-spreading news that another depression is in the offing; or the increase in hydro rates, ditto car insurance premiums but I am not going to write about any of these things, except to mention them in passing so that you will know I at least know what is going on in the world. But this much I will say if and when hard times hit us I don't think you will see the farmer being pushed around as he was in the depression days of the '30s. He has come a long way since then. His standard of living has been raised considerably. He has his radio to keep him informed on world affairs when he is too busy or too tired to read. He has his car to take him around the country, and as a result many farmers are as much at home in the city as they are on their own property. His sons and daughters also get around and have just as good a time as their town and city cousins. His wife often has a better home and more conveniences than her friends in town. Young mothers have a much better opportunity to raise strong, healthy youngsters than their city counterparts. Oh yes, the farmer and his family certainly go places and see things these days! Maybe they "go" too often and see too much but that is another story.

There is another change that is all to the good. The farmer, nowadays, keeps himself pretty well informed in regard to government expenditures, particularly in municipal affairs. There have been several instances just recently where farmers have got together and thrown a monkey wrench into the proposed lavish spending of their township council. Generally speaking, the farmer would lose a day's work rather than miss the chance to vote for the men of his choice in a municipal election. Now he has also reached the point when he is just as quick to call those same men to account if they fail to measure up to his expectations. Yes, our men of the soil are making their voice heard in the land- through Farm Forums, public meetings, letters to the press and an intelligent exchange of opinion with their fellow men. Certainly they are not sufficiently powerful to prevent a depression if one is on its way, but they have become sufficiently progressive and aggressive so that they will not be left holding the bag entirely alone. If they hold one end they'll want someone else holding the other and they won't expect to hold on indefinitely. If things get tough farmers will be asking a lot of questions, questions to which they will surely want the answers.

So I think, with our families and friends, we can safely allow ourselves plenty of enjoyment over the holiday season. After all, it will be another twelve months before this festive season rolls around again and between now and then we shall have plenty of time for serious thinking.

What would we do without our Christmas and New Year? So much, fun and excitement, and when we get away from it all, such a quiet sense of peace. In these moments of reflection it is impossible to lose our faith for very long. We know that the wisest of the wise may err; we are constantly dismayed at the tangled web poor humans get ourselves into; and yet, through it all, if we pause for a minute, we are conscious of a Higher Power controlling the universe; and once more our faith is renewed that eventually peace will come to this troubled world.

And then you know, getting down to ordinary, everyday affairs, there are always bright spots on the darkest day. Even thirty cent eggs have something to commend them! At least we won't have to feel we are robbing the family treasury if we are a little generous in our use of them. Farm folk

don't make omelettes when eggs sell at sixty cents a dozen but with eggs at thirty—well, we can live on omelettes and angel food should we so desire. And when we have the folks home for the holiday season it will be no hardship to them if we feed them generously with omelettes. To city folk it is food fit for the gods. That is, if you can make a good omelette and serve it aright. The stove to the table with a thick sprinkling of cheese, chopped ham or bacon. Yum—yum!

That's all friends. I still have a few things to do. Happy New Year, Everybody... and don't forget, it can be a happy year if we help to make it so. Chin up, folks—we are not in Russia, Communist China or occupied Europe. We are in Canada... and that should mean a lot.

## The Price of Bread

By Joseph Ester Rutledge

It is difficult to argue against social measures without appearing to be a selfish reactionary. Social security has become the battle-cry of our times. Politicians and public alike have championed it as a forward and necessary way of thought. But, does imposed security represent an unqualified good? That was a question posed by a business friend of mine in a public address.

A planned economy, he argued, included everything but economy. Socialism and communism, the ultimate end of such comprehensive planning, accomplished nothing but a steady "levelling down". Only enterprise, with its emphasis on initiative and incentive, its hope of reward created a world that "levelled up".

But levelling up is not a practice of governments. This is not due to any lack of good intention. It is merely that, to meet unlimited demands, whether for social or other services, it has nothing to satisfy them that it does not first extract from the people. It is spending people's money, not government money. A still more serious fact is that it cannot even distribute all that it collects. It must create an ever-enlarging bureaucracy to distribute these benefits. So it imposes a political brokerage on the dollars we have embarked for social services.

But, forgetting this drain at the source, there are other drains that are more serious. People will not be as careful of money for which they have not toiled, nor will they use easy money as wisely. There then go thrift and prudence, which are among the greatest of our civil virtues. There also goes the stabilizing belief that the "take-out" of benefits should bear some relation to the "put-in" of effort or enthusiasm or care for the present and the future.

Free money, free service, free security, put everyone on a parity. That's what we are asking. But is it all benefit? Is it wise to make equal the man who saves for the future and the man who spends as he goes, the man who abuses his health, and the man who conserves it, the man who plans and saves for his family, and the man who says "someone will look after them"? This theory of equality of pay for unequal effort is undermining the solid, creative virtues of forethought and daring and thrift and independence that made this and every great country.

Ultimately the thoughtful will grow too weary or too few to support the lazy, the thoughtless and the improvident. Ultimately, whatever politicians may say, we must hope to get back to the solid virtues and, broadly speaking, learn again to depend on ourselves. This is not a doctrine of selfishness or inhumanity. It is the obligation of living, a doctrine as old as time. In the sweat of a man's face shall he eat his bread.

## SCOTLAND HELPS TOURISTS

Scotland is putting on a drive that reminds one of the kind of effort Canada itself puts forward, writes Floyd S. Chalmers from Edinburgh in the Financial Post. Last summer, Edinburgh was able to "process" some 50,000 visitors to the Edinburgh Festival. To accommodate them it had to set up a system of billeting visitors in city homes. This proved very popular with many people who valued the chance to see how the Scottish family lives. Many of the larger barnenial halls in the Highlands are being converted into tourist homes. While nominally "Youth Hostels," they accommodate visitors from 5 to 75.

## RECORD SHIPMENTS OF CARS

Motor vehicles made in Britain during September reached a weekly average of 8,700 cars and 4,500 commercial vans. This is the highest output since the war, according to the monthly statistical review of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders. Shipments of cars overseas were the highest ever known and amounted to more than 24,500. Exports of commercial vehicles were 8,500 and 5,000 farm tractors were also sent abroad in September, compared with 3,000 in August.

## HOUSE PLANTS CARE IN WINTER

Many house plants cease flowering in winter and others will flower only feebly. This is a natural condition induced by the shortened days and lowered temperatures. Most of the plants which do flower in the winter have been prepared for blooming during the preceding months of summer or autumn.

During the winter, house plants should receive special treatment to accommodate them to this rest period. All practices which tend to stimulate growth should be stopped, less water is needed, repotting and root disturbances should be avoided.

Fairly low temperatures are desirable, but as the warmth of a house is maintained to suit humans rather than plants, this is not always practical. The average room temperature of 70 degrees is much too high for most plants in winter time. Often a compromise can be made by keeping the plants in the coolest room, and preferably one in which the temperature falls to 60 degrees during the night. Humidity can be increased with evaporating pans on radiators, or pans of water near hot air ducts.

## NEW SCHOOL, EVERY 36 HRS.

A new school was brought into use every 36 hours in Britain during the three months from June to October last. This has just been revealed by the Minister of Education Mr. George Tomlinson. He said that during that time 60 new school departments had been provided ready for occupation. This meant that places had been made for 36,500 pupils representing a rate of about 400 a day.



Wishing you all the things that hold a true meaning of Christmas... friends, contentment, peace of mind. May the spirit of Christmas dwell in your home and throughout the coming New Year.

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